BLACK STAR

FUCKWITS UNITE!

If you took your lead from what the Glasgow anarchist veteran, John Couzin calls the 'babbling brook of bullshit', aka, the mass media, recent fascist-inspired incidents simply represent an assorted gang of hooligans manipulating well-intentioned citizens concerned about immigration and multiculturalism. The recent events in Belfast and other places demonstrates that centuries of war and sectarian division will not stand in the way of British and Irish nationalists finding common cause in a straight white Christian wet dream of a world that can and should never be. From the death threats to workers from Irish republican 'socialists' to the loyalist anti-Islamists smashing their way up and down the Donegall Road, every arsehole at war against migrants needs to realise that the lack of jobs, housing and services working class communities suffer from has fuck all to do with immigration and will be opposed for the fascism that it represents.

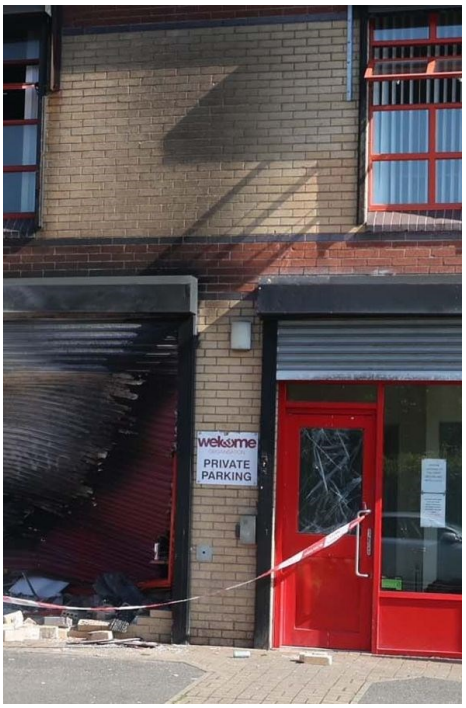
'The present economic system...has been merely the pacemaker for the great intellectual and social reaction which find expression today in modern fascism'

Rudolf Rocker

Republican socialists?

Putting the national back into socialism, the IRSP's response to an attack on the homeless charity, the Welcome Centre, had to be seen to be believed. The car-ramming and fire at the Centre on the lower Falls was accompanied by nearby graffiti threatening workers. The Irps' response said it valued the work of the Welcome Centre, called the attack and threats to workers 'regrettable', but insisted the charity is moved out of the area. It came as part of a wider campaign against the Centre, whose closure workers said had resulted in the deaths of at least five addicts on the streets of Belfast in the days after.

This undoubtedly demonstrates the reality of the politics of these left patriots.



Armagh bin strike - All Out!

Waste depot workers in Armagh are striking again as part of a dispute against the victimisation of a Unite shop steward and several other workplace reps.

By the middle of this month the strike entered its fifth week and Organise! extend our support and solidarity to the workers in their struggle against Amargh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council. Strike action back in 2022 saw a significant victory by these workers on pay during the delayed so-called 'harmonisation' process under the Review of Public Administration when the super councils were created back in 2015. Since that time the employers have been on the backs of the workers and reps in a campaign of harassment that saw the shop steward dismissed and five others reprimanded or disciplined simply for challenging changes to terms and conditions. Workers are calling for a rates rebate given the huge sums saved by the council during the dispute and have stepped up the action to an all-out strike.

Just Books Publishing

Just Books Publishing, set up by the Just Books Collective, has so far published its first two titles.

The first is a reprint of Gregori Maximoff's *Constructive Anarchism*, to mark the 100th year of existence of the International Workers Association (IWA) the Anarcho-Syndicalist international founded in Berlin in 1922.

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The second title, now with a new cover, is Nick Heath's *The Idea. Anarchist Communism: Past, Present and Future* - a welcome and new comprehensive work on anarchist communism, this book seeks to rehabilitate the current of anarchist-communism. To make it better known and understood.

...a good substantial book, and much needed. Lucidly written, it provides a rich brew of engaging discussions of the 'Idea' (anarchist communism as a political philosophy), interesting vignettes of many individual anarchists, and a great historical account of the many anarchist communist organisations over the past 150 years... (Brian Morris on *The Idea)*

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CNT taken to court by... CNT?

One of the best known organisations in our International (IWA-AIT) is the CNT-AIT in Spain. Several years ago, a faction of this organisation managed, among other means by conducting purges, to take de facto control of all the increasingly centralised functions of the organisation.

It also tried, without success, to disenfranchise the majority of the IWA Sections and, when it failed, tried to "relaunch" the IWA behind closed doors with just two other Sections.

Finally, this faction launched the International Confederation of Labor, (in Spanish the CIT), consisting of other organisations with other practices than the International Workers' Association, IWA. The CNT-AIT remains the section of the IWA within the jurisdiction of the Spanish state, retaining the same principles as the CNT-AIT prior to the attempts to change the organisation on reformist and centralising principles.

One fact that must be stressed is that the Spanish section of CIT, which has a cadre of professional lawyers, claims the exclusive right to the name CNT (which it has registered!) and all the property that was ever held by sections of the CNT-AIT - including premises providing valuable resources to workers in many cities, and smaller towns which are self managed by Locals which it had previously purged.

This organisation has effectively stolen part of the IWA archives which it keeps in poor conditions in a warehouse outside Toledo, refusing even access to it. It is also suing numerous unions of the CNT-AIT and a libertarian ateneo as well, for enormous amounts of money. The decision to start these lawsuits was made by the lawyers, not by the general membership, showing the authoritarian and vertical direction the union has taken. These lawsuits will be heard in court in September.

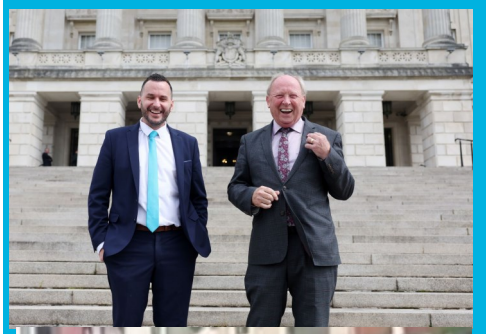
Among the things that this Spanish organization is claiming is that the CNT-AIT cannot be called CNT-AIT because the AIT (Spanish acronym for the IWA) does not exist.

This is a really audacious lie told by the Spanish organisation of CIT, as it knows absolutely that the IWA exists and has existed for over a century.

We imagine from the legal documents that the unscrupulous band of lawyers will try to use the state to conduct their war against anarcho-syndicalists in Spain by claiming that the IWA has no legal registration in Spain, whereas their organisation complies with the state laws, including providing information to the state about their own members.

We are the IWA and we are not going anywhere!

Meanwhile... in Ballymena



Not much news from Ballymena this weather. Ticky Gaston, who has featured here before campaigning for British trees in Northern Ireland, is off to Stormont to replace Jim Allister. Ticky is already making headlines decrying the cost of interpreters employed by the NHS to help non-English speakers under treatment in our hospitals, the fuckin' dunderhead. Meanwhile, Dee Coleman (pictured playing chaseys with the cops on the Shankhill back in 2016), has been knocked back on a bail application to go to a wedding. At least the Romanian mafia won't have to worry about someone muscling in on their Ballymena operation for a bit.

Nae fascist or anti-fascist protests here lately though I dandered along to the Coleraine protest the other week, which had a good wee crowd reminiscing about seeing off the National Front from the toon back in 1984—happy times—fuck the fash wherever they may be!

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Organise! is an anarcho-syndicalist group in Ireland which as affiliated to the International Worker's Association as 'friends of' section. We take inspiration from the self directed struggles of working-class people, and particularly the history and tradition of struggle epitomised by the IWA - the anarcho-syndicalist international. Our history goes back to the original formation of Organise! by the Ballymena and Antrim Anarchist Groups in 1985.

We are a small, but growing, group of ordinary working class people who are fed up with being fucked about by the profit system, fed up with seeing our communities and workplaces torn apart by racism, patriarchy, nationalism and sectarianism, and sick of a greedy few getting rich off everyone else's backs.

We are actively working to promote solidarity in opposition to capitalism, the state, patriarchy and all other forms of oppression and hierarchy. The way we organise reflects the free society we want to create: one based on voluntary association, democratic participation and self-management.

Our members are workers, claimants, students, migrants, unemployed and other working-class people committed to building a libertarian communist union movement actively opposed to all forms of oppression and exploitation.

We want to improve everyday conditions for ourselves and other working class people, but we also struggle for the revolutionary transformation that can create a free and equal society, one based on mutual aid and co-operation. Sound crazy? Maybe it does, but in an era in which it is easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism the continuation of the present system is even crazier…

The current system isn't working – ill-health, stress and overwork affect more and more people while others are flung on the dole; for increasing amounts of workers it is precarity, zero hours contracts and the stress of being unable to plan or budget our lives; we live in a world of plentiful resources yet millions starve; some people make vast fortunes just because they own companies, land, property or natural resources, but those of us who create the wealth, work the land and build the properties are left struggling to survive; politicians tell us there's no money – not for wages, benefits or local amenities, but there's always plenty for war; both locally and globally the gap between the richest and the poorest sections of society has never been so great; instead of a war on poverty they've got a war on 'benefit fraud', while the same system that creates war, poverty and environmental destruction stigmatises, imprisons and deports the resultant refugees.

We don't think these things are inevitable or coincidental, we think they are related to capitalism – an economic system defined by wage slavery and the accumulation of profit out of other people's work. So we support all workers against their bosses in demanding higher wages and better conditions. We try to intervene practically to support workers engaged in disputes and are also active in our own workplaces and communities. Not only against exploitation but against the multiple oppressions faced by members of the working class in all our diversity.

But it's not just a question of trying to struggle by in a world of exploitation and oppression; we look to a future where workers control production and society in their own interests. And unlike some people who claim to oppose capitalism, we don't want to be a new set of leaders and we refuse to be led by anyone else. We advocate direct democracy in the workplace and through the commune in our communities – working in federation to ensure that the needs of all are met and that no-one is ever again in a position to oppress or exploit another human being.

If you are interested in these ideas, we'd encourage you to explore our website and consider getting involved.

We currently have members in Belfast, Cork, Derry, Lisburn, Newtownabbey and Portadown and are building the organisation on the basis of active involvement and participation. We aren't interested in meaningless 'paper' membership so you can't join by filling in an online form and bunging us a few quid.

To talk to us about joining get the ball rolling, check out our website at https://organiseanarchistsireland.com and send an email to:

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